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1. The Central Construction Bureau of Heavy Industry was established at Bleiweisova Street 13, Ljubljana, by Engr. Feliks LOBE, professor of the University of Ljubljana technical faculty, in accordance with instructions from Minister Boris KIDRIC, President of the Federal Planning Commission and professor of the University of Ljubljana technical faculty. The Bureau is to employ Yugoslav engineers to design, build, and test machinery used by all Yugoslav industries, and about 50 engineers will be assigned to work in the Bureau offices. In addition to LOBE, who is in charge of the procurement of machinery and materials as well as the work of the Bureau, an Engr. HERMAN from Celje and three Serbs are now employed at the Bureau. UDBA Major Milan OSREDKAR, a representative of the Federal Bureau of Production Progress, is in charge of the Bureau's political activities.

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2. At present, Engr. LOBE, who is regarded as an expert engineer by the Yugoslav Government, is working on a drilling machine to be used in the Dolenja-Lendava oil fields. The drilling machine was ordered by Minister KIDRIC, and he claims that it will be far superior to the same type of machine manufactured by the Russians and Americans. In addition to his work at the Central Construction Bureau, LOBE has been appointed permanent liaison official with the Federal Bureau of Production Progress.

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3. "Elektrosod", a firm which is now manufacturing "Drina" and "Triglav" type pumps for a hydro-electric plant being built at Moste near Zirovnica, is also housed in the building at Bleiweisova Street 13. This firm is managed by Engr. Franc KIKEL, from Maribor, who is assisted by one MIRTIC, a professor of industrial design, and one Ivan SALAJKO, receptionist and messenger. [redacted] this firm is having difficulty obtaining raw materials, particularly 500 kilograms of bronze, and the first pump manufactured was a complete failure. [redacted]

4. The Federal Institute for Turbines is in the "Litostroj" plant at Celovska Street 71, Ljubljana. This institute is now in process of reorganization and may be moved to larger offices which will have better facilities for its research work. The head of the Institute, Engr. Ivo VUCKOVIC, is a professor of the technical faculty at the University of Ljubljana, where he lectures on pumps, ventilators, hydrodynamics and aerodynamics. VUCKOVIC is also employed as a designer by "Litostroj". In the past he has been a member of various Yugoslav trade delegations to [redacted] VUCKOVIC is non-Communist, able, and allegedly favors the Tito regime. He is assisted by Engr. Bojan KRAUT, technical director of "Litostroj" and assistant professor of industrial production and engine construction, at the University of Ljubljana. [redacted]

The Chemical Institute and proposed Institutes of the University of Ljubljana

5. The Chemical Institute of the University of Ljubljana is scheduled to move into a new building on Akerceva Street, sometime during 1949. [redacted] the completion of this building has been delayed by shortages of materials and equipment, and consequently the Institute is still located in the basement of the first secondary school on Vegova Street 2, which is poorly equipped for scientific research. Most of the work done at this Institute is theoretical rather than practical experimentation because of a shortage of chemical supplies. [redacted] a Mining Institute and an Institute for research in under water construction work (vodogradbeni institut) are to be established at some time in the future.

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